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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.—\$3,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.—\$2,500,000.
INTEREST ON NEW SHARES.—\$1,000,000.
INTEREST ON OLD SHARES.—\$1,000,000.

CHIEF OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—A. P. McLENNAN, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—Hon. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
C. D. BUTTICKLEY, Esq.
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W. H. FORBES, Esq.
M. E. SASSOON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai.—ERWIN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

NOTICE.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, April 2, 1884. 583

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON, JUNR., in our Firm CEASED on the 30th April, 1884.

Mr. GERALD SLADE and **Mr. ALEXANDER MCCONACHIE** are this Day Admitted PARTNERS in our Firm.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong and Fenchow,
1st May, 1884. 738

Intimations.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.

THIS Company now grants passages THROUGH TO LONDON via Manilla, including Continental Railway fares, at the same rate as for the route by sea to London, viz., \$380.

The fare to Manilla is now similar to that charged to Brindisi or Venice, viz., \$355.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, March 13, 1884. 455

HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.

THE Undersigned begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and the Coast Ports that he will RE-OPEN

THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS
on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been Newly FURNISHED throughout, and there are ROOMS suitable for other MARRIED COUPLES or SINGLE PERSONS.

The TABLE will be supplied with the BEST the market can provide.

The WINES and LIQUORS supplied, both at the Bar and Table, will be of the VERY BEST BRANDS.

GENTLEMEN desirous of taking Meals, such as BREAKFAST and DINNER, can have ALL REQUISITE information by applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, February 28, 1884. 368

ROBT. SIM & Co.'s PATENT ANTI-FOULING COMPOSITION.

Her Majesty's Ships; The P. & O. S. N. Co.; The Douglas Steamship Company; The Japanese Government.

SOLE AGENTS, CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA,
EDWARD GEORGE
Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 188

Intimations.

1,450 PRIZES. \$50,000. 1,450 PRIZES.

THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB'S MELBOURNE CUP CONSULTATION—1884.

MEMBERSHIP LIST.

To be run on the Flemington Race Course, Melbourne, in November, 1884.

Distribution as follows:

First Horse—\$10,000
Second Horse—\$5,000
Third Horse—\$3,000
Fourth Horse—\$2,000
Fifth Horse—\$1,000
Sixth Horse—\$500
Seventh Horse—\$250
Eighth Horse—\$125
Ninth Horse—\$62
Tenth Horse—\$31

THE SYDNEY JOCKEY TURF CLUB

Beg to inform the Sporting Public of China that they have made arrangements for holding a \$50,000 CONSULTATION on the forthcoming MELBOURNE CUP of 1884, when about 1,450 PRIZES will be awarded to the Fortunate Holders of the winning Numbers.

The Highest Prize being \$10,000, and the Lowest \$10. Loss 16 per cent. on expenses.

Winning Numbers can be forwarded for payment or collection to the Manager of any Bank, either in Sydney (N. S. Wales), or Melbourne (Victoria). Drawing will take place under the Committee of Management, about four clear days before the Day of Race.

Subscribers are forwarded to all Subscribers. Any Subscriber can be present at the drawing either in person or by proxy, on making application to the Secretary in writing. Add 1/ for Reply and Result. Drafts of P. O. Orders to be made payable to JAMES WALKER, Secretary, S. J. T. C., 20, Oxford Street, Sydney, Australia.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$500 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, and the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fee by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st May, 1884.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

NOTICE.

THE BRANCHES OF THE COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTES DE PARIS IN CHINA AND JAPAN

have received instructions to pay Letters of Credit issued by the UNION BANK OF LONDON on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

Any Person wishing to receive MONEY under such CREDITS can apply to the Offices of the Comptoir d'Escomptes de Paris.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager,
COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTES DE PARIS,
SHANGHAI.
14th May, 1884. 816

DRY DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, NAGASAKI.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS FOR THE IMPERIAL GOV. VERNAMMENT DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, at Nagasaki, and are prepared to supply Tenders for the DOCKING, CLEANING, PAINTING, &c., of VESSELS. The ENGINE WORKS in connection with the Dockyard are under the direction of experienced European and possess all the necessary appliances for REPAIRS to SHIPS and MACHINERY.

HOLME, RINGER & Co.
Nagasaki, March, 1884. 645

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

(OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT.)

A NEW SUPPLY JUST TO HAND OF

SPRING HOSIERY.

UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS in SILK, THREAD, CRAWPE and COTTON GAUZE.

New THREAD and COTTON HALF-HOSE.

New WASHING SCARFS and TIES.

The New 'Climax' UMBRELLA, guaranteed to wear well.

NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S SCOTCH WHISKY, a Very Fine Old Spirit, in square bottles.

Hongkong, April 10, 1884. 679

SAYLE & Co.

HAVE FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING

NEW GOODS,

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

KENSINGTON CARPETS, all Wool, SEAMLESS, BORDERED and FRinged, in NEW DESIGNS and COLORINGS. These CARPETS are INEXPENSIVE and DURABLE and are suitable for Summer use.

GOBELIN TAPESTRY and CRPE CRETONNES in New Designs.

REVERSIBLE CRETONNES, Pattern both Sides.

EXCELSIOR SPRING MATTRESSES in all Sizes, to fit any BEDSTEAD.

PATENT WOVEN WIRE SPRING MATTRESSES in all Sizes.

HAMMOCK CHAIRS,

LAWN TENNIS CHAIRS,

CROQUET CHAIRS,

CAMP STOOLS,

&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Hongkong, May 7, 1884. 780

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that in Accordance with Resolution No. 2 passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held at the City Hall on the 30th December, 1882, ALL SHARES now TAKEN UP, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th CALLS paid on or before the 30th JUNE NEXT, will be disposed of by the Directors in such manner as in their discretion, they shall think best in the Interest of the Corporation.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 24, 1884. 712

WILLIAM DOLAN,

SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRATA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,

MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned has REMOVED to the rear of his former place of Business, Entrance from Messrs. TURNER & Co.'s Lane.

WILLIAM DOLAN.
Hongkong, May 8, 1884. 785

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the 1st June next, the STUPE of the Undersigned will be REMOVED to the Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. Egan & Co., No. 45, Queen's Road.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Stockholders & Wine Merchants.
Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 737

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

AN Interim BONUS of 15% upon Contributions for the Year 1883 has This Day been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the above Office on, and after the 10th FORTH.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, April 26, 1884. 723

HOP SHING & Co.,

ENGINEERS, ROILER MAKERS,

COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON FOUNDERS, &c.,

WEST POINT IRON WORKS.

HAVING This Day commenced BUSINESS, are ready to undertake Work of the above Descriptions under the Supervision of an Experienced ENGINEER.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch and at moderate terms.

24th September, 1883. 611

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Boots, or PARASOLS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

For Sale.

NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY

IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT,

BY DR. P. J. EITEL.

CROWN OCTAVO, PT. 1018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K, \$2.50

Part II. R-Z, \$2.50

Part III. M-T, \$3.00

Part IV. T-Y, \$3.00

A Reduction of ten per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kangxi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the Chinese Language, it also contains the whole of the Chinese Language, in Chinese and English, and is a most valuable and useful work.

It is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole of the Chinese Language, in Chinese and English, and is a most valuable and useful work.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 24th May, 1884, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Room, Queen's Road,—

AN INVOICE OF

JAPANESE WARE,

comprising—

BANQUO, KUTANI, AWASA, KANGA, SATSUMA and KIOTO VASES, JARS, INCENSE BURNERS, PLATES, TEA SETS, and DINNER SETS. GOLD and SILVER INLAID BROSCHES, ENAMELED WARE, WOOD and IVORY CARVINGS, EMBROIDERIES and EMBROIDERED SURGES.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, May 10, 1884. 636

To Let.

GODOWNS-

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, humidity of air saturated with moisture be 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, in two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to 'Beaufort Scale.'

6. STATE OF WEATHER. *b* blue sky, *c* attached clouds, *d* drizzling rain, *f* fog, *g* gloom, *h* hail, *i* lightning, *e* overcast, *p* passing shower, *r* rain, *s* snow, *t* thunder, *v* visibility, *w* dew (wet). The letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the average of the magnification.

7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

REVIEW.

THE CHINESE BI-MONTHLY PUBLISHED BY THE CHINA MAIL.

The Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of Chinese literature, has now reached its Twelfth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are of interest to the minds of students of the "Far East" and about which every intelligent person connected with China or Japan is desirous of acquiring trustworthy information. It includes many interesting Notes and original Papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive Notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of literature on China, etc., and to give critiques embodying sketches of the most recent works on such topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to send their contributions to "Editor, Chinese Review, care of China Mail Office."

The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining from and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points. The Correspondence column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, or any of the Modern Languages are received. The papers are contributed by the members of the various Consular, Imperial, Customs, and Hongkong Services, and also by the Missionary bodies amongst whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is continually cultivated. Amongst the regular contributors are Drs. Chalmers, Eitel, Bretschneider, Hirth, and Hance, Professor Legge, and Messrs. Balfour, Walters, Stent, Phillips, MacIntyre, Groot, Jamieson, Faber, Kopsch, Pastor, Playfair, Giles, and others—all well-known names, indicative of sound scholarship and thorough mastery of their subject.

The Subscription is fixed at \$6.50 per annum, postage included—payable in advance.

Orders for binding volumes will be promptly attended to; Address: "Manager, China Mail Office."

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review."—*Northern Christian Advocate* (U.S.).

"The Chinese Review is a very interesting and valuable number. Meteorologists will find an interesting and valuable contribution by Dr. Fritzsche, on 'The Amount of Precipitation (Rain and Snow) of Peking,' showing the results of observation made at the Imperial Russian Observatory at Peking, from 1811 to 1880. 'Notes on the Dutch Colonies of Formosa,' by Mr. Geo. Phillips, contains some interesting information, although much of it is second-hand. The Notices of New Books include a most generous and appreciative review of 'The Divine Classic of Nan-Hua,' and the Notes and Queries are as usual very interesting."—*Northern China Herald*.

"A substantial and reliable Review which all students of China and the Orient could do well to patronize."—*Chrysanthemum*.

"The November-December number of the Chinese Review contains less variety than usual, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on 'The New Movement in Chinese' treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries. Mr. E. H. Parker's 'Short Journeys in Szechuen' are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. E. B. Balfour contributes a paper of some length entitled 'The Emperor Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire,' which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history. A few short notices of new books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which, 'On Chinese Cities in Western Bernoo and Java,' might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number."—*E. L. K. Daily Press*.

Frederick's *Oriental Record* contains the following notice of the Chinese Review:—

"The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, some what similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest from the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are so well represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors."

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-p'o, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that 'Notes' and 'Queries' are destined to find a place in the pages of the Review.

It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the Chinese Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

THE COMMERCIAL LAW AFFECTING CHINESE; with special reference to PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION AND BANKRUPTCY LAWS IN HONGKONG.

Copies may be had at the China Mail Office, and at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,—Price, 75 cents.

HONGKONG RATES OF POSTAGE.

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, i.e., 40c, as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bond-fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, drafts, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 5 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Hongkong Post Office is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, all foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritania, all N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, Hawaii, all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route:
Letters, 10 cents per 4 oz.
Post Cards, 3 cents each.
Registration, 10 cents.
Newspapers, 2 cents each.
Books, Patterns and 12 cents per 2 oz.
Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence under the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Ceylon, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, Ascension, Bolivia, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates for Hongkong, Macao, Canton, and other ports of the Postal Union, per 4 oz. each, 10 cents.

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.
(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for address in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect be expressed by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, &c., all of the same weight, to addressees in Hongkong, Shanghai, the Port of Canton, may deliver them to the Postmaster's Office, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

Patterns.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the Parcel Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of Dress, Fancy Work, and similar presents are continually being refused, the senders having often spent more in postage than they would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of value of stamps obliterated before the nature of the contents was discovered.

Local and Indian Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post at Book Rates between Hongkong and any of the British Post Offices in China, as well as to Japan, Macao, Peking, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon and India. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, which must be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—
Books and Papers—to British Offices 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs.
Patterns—to British Offices, 5 lbs. if with out intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender fully observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately after the loss was discovered, the correspondence being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours each article will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip } Peak,\$0.75 each article.
(12 hours) } Gap,\$0.60 each article.

Quarter of an hour or less, 5 cents.
Half an hour, 10 cents.
Three hours, 15 cents.
Six hours, 25 cents.
One day (12 hours), 50 cents.

Per trip to Shanghai or Peking, from the centre of the Town, 20 cents.
Return, 25 cents.
Per trip to Aberdeen, from the centre of the Town, 25 cents.
Return, 25 cents.

If an Extra Article is employed, there will be an addition of half the above scale to pay. Nothing in this scale prevents private agreements.

Licensed Barbers (each).
Hour, 10 cents.
Half day, 35 cents.
Day, 50 cents.

BOAT AND GOULIE HIRE.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, \$3.00.
1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Load, 2.00.
2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Day, 2.50.
2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 piculs, per Load, 1.75.
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, 1.50.
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 300 piculs, per Load, 1.00.
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 300 piculs, Half Day, 50 cents.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, \$1.00.
One Hour, 20 cents.
Half an Hour, 10 cents.
After 6 p.m. 10 cents extra.
Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

MERCHANT VESSELS IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures' repaid today.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked a, near the Kowloon shore b, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to the P. and O. Co.'s Factory.

3. From P. and O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office.

4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.

8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.

Captain.

Flag and Rig.

Tonn.

Date of Arrival.

Consignee or Agents.

Destination.

Remarks.

Steamers.

Activ 2 h. Rovershoeck Dan. str. 268 May 18 A. R. Marty

Amoy 2 h. Patta Brit. str. 814 May 18 S. S. S. Co.

Ancona 2 h. Murray Brit. str. 5081 May 20 P. & O. S. N. Co.

Antonio Migno 2 h. Otero Span. str. 527 April 21 Remedios & Co.

Benadi 2 h. Thomson Brit. str. 1000 May 14 G.H. Livingston & Co.

Calcutta 2 h. Jack Brit. str. 1160 May 15 Adamant, Bell & Co.

Canton 2 h. Jarvis Brit. str. 902 May 10 Thos. Howard & Co.

City of Tokio 2 h. Maury Amer. str. 3129 May 11 P. M. S. S. Co.

Douglas 2 h. Ashton Brit. str. 822 May 14 Douglas Steamship Co.

Duburg 2 h. Schultze Ger. str. 921 May 17 Melchers & Co.

Fidelle 2 h. Shepard Brit. str. 117 H. K. & W. S. S. Co.

Fidelle 2 h. Brook Ger. str. 1416 May 17 Weller & Co.

Glenorchy 2 h. Godey Brit. str. 1775 May 19 Jardina, Matheson & Co.

Hainan 2 h. McKimley Brit. str. 1300 May 12 Jardina, Matheson & Co.

Hainan 2 h. Woon Brit. str. 281 Nov. 28 H. C. M. S. S. Co.

Japan 2 h. Wallace Brit. str. 981 May 13 Captain

Kang Bang 2 h. Jones Brit. str. 822 May 18 Yuen Fat Hong

Kanamaru Maru 2 h. Drummond Japan. str. 1294 May 18 M. B. M. S. S. Co.

Kwangtung 2 h. Young Brit. str. 680 May 10 Douglas Steamship Co.

Messalia 2 h. Petersen Ger. str. 1202 May 8 Siemens & Co.

Menmuir 2 h. Helms Brit. str. 2200 May 18 Gibb, Livingston & Co.

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